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Overview

To protect local waterways, all construction sites located in Springfield that disturb land need to comply with grading, public safety, and water quality standards.

All sites must protect water quality but not all sites will be required to obtain a Land & Drainage Alteration Permit (LDAP). All single family dwellings or construction sites that disturb 50 cubic yards of soil or greater must be permitted by the City.

What's affected?

All construction activities that will cause land disturbance or otherwise negatively impact storm water quality are affected. Construction activities that do not disturb the land such as interior remodeling and emergency-related circumstances such as those caused by floods and fires are excluded.

What are examples of land disturbing activities?

Land disturbance including, but not limited to grading, grubbing, logging, excavating or filling.

Are permits required?

An LDAP is required for all single family dwellings or any construction sites that disturb 50 cubic yards of soil or greater.

For all other conditions, permits are not required but property owners must protect water quality for these situations. Fact sheets on Best Management Practices (BMP's) are available at City Hall, Public Works front counter.

What does the LDAP require?

If the project meets certain criteria (See back side of fact sheet) you may be issued an over the counter LDAP. In this case you will fill out an application and will be issued a blue permit card. If your project doesn't meet the over-the-counter LDAP criteria, you will be required to submit an application packet that will be taken in by staff for review and approval.

Are there special qualifications to prepare these plans?

For some sites, yes. For permitting of one single-family dwelling or duplex dwelling, an LDAP application is provided by the City and completed by the applicant. For other construction projects, an LDAP application packet is provided. This packet requires a professional design be submitted by a person licensed in Oregon as a: civil engineer, environmental engineer, landscape architect, geologist, or a certified professional in erosion and sediment control (CPESC); or any other qualified person determined by the City Public Works Director.



Are fees required?

Yes, the amount varies depending on the type of permit and the size of the disturbance.

What are examples of stormwater pollutants?

Anything other than rain that enters the storm-water system is considered a pollutant. These include soil sediment, fertilizer, paint, solvents, concrete-washout, and any other garbage, trash or debris.

Why are construction sites a problem?

The City's storm water system consists of open channels, creeks, wetlands, and pipes that carry untreated runoff to the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers. Construction activities can cause erosion and sedimentation which reduces the capacity of the storm water system to convey water away from homes and businesses and reduces water quality. This can lead to drainage and flood problems, polluted drinking water sources, can harm fish and other aquatic life, and otherwise reduce beneficial uses.

